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JAPANESE LINER SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

HISTORIC OLD VENICE DESERTED BY WEALTHY

Fear of Air Raids Causes Many Changes On Grand Canal and Romantic Places Made Famous by Poets and Authors—Food High

(By Associated Press.)
Venice, Dec. 23.—Take a gondola for a trip through the Grand canal during these war days, and one sees many changes in the centers of interest well-known to travelers and residents—the war-dress of the homes of Lord Byron and the composer Wagner, of the poet Browning and the American writer W. D. Howells, the romantic palace where Desdemona waited for Othello, and further along, the market quarter near the Rialto bridge, the house of Shylock, the quiet building standing there unchanged today, but now used as a butcher's shop where a lusty Italian butcher exacts Shylock war prices of 10 cents a kilo for the pounds of fresh meat over the counter.

Starting from the quay San Marco, the broad lagoons entering the Grand canal have an air of martial and naval preparation rather than the usual carnival aspect which marks this center. The quays are lined with soldiers and sailors, and the gondolas are carrying great loads of war supplies back and forth, and transporting troops and marines from point to point while the launches from the warships dart in and out among the gondolas.

Ordinarily there are 2500 gondolas in regular service—600 private and 2000 public—but only a very few of these remain in use owing to the terror inspired by the bomb raids. Most of the wealthy residents have hurriedly left for the south, and there are no tourists to make use of the public gondolas. Only one first-class hotel remains open, and half of it is given over to a hospital for the wounded brought in from the nearby fighting lines.

Entering the Grand canal the great domes of Santa Maria della Salute stand out on the left, but always with their war trappings, for here is located the headquarters of the army Red Cross, where most of the work of the field hospitals is regulated. The palace Venier next to the church is similarly used for army hospital administration, and the Red Cross flags are flying everywhere, as a warning of immunity from bomb raids. Further up the canal on the right is the house of Desdemona. Just what Desdemona did in her day is a matter of tradition and Shakespearean romance. Now the old palace is occupied by a rich merchant family who have fled to the south; the curtains are drawn, the lower windows guarded by steel shutters, and the gardens neglected.

A Touch of Color

On the left of the canal is a row of palaces often occupied by prominent American families. Two of these, the palace Balbi-Vallier and the Palazzo Dandolo, are closed and closely shuttered, while most of the others in the quarter are partially abandoned. Opposite this group is the palace Falier, where W. D. Howells lived while he wrote his scenes from Venetian life. Some of the few places still showing life and activity, and the "well-to-do" are full of flowers which have been planted in the canals flanking it in front and along one side. Just across the Grand canal is the palace Bezzoni where Robert Browning lived and died. Usually this is a very gay quarter, with the houses of the nobles, and the palaces alive with brilliant entertainment. But now all is silent and lugubrious, and the few gondolas creep along like hollow canoes on a deserted river.

One touch of life has been given to this quarter by the leading bankers of the nation who have pulled down an old palace and built a very showy front reaching down to the water. The bright yellow and red are in marked contrast with the sombre palaces all around. The military escort accompanying the party pointed out an abandoned garden with a fine old palace built only to the first story.

Pointing a Moral.
"There is a story there," said the military escort. "The palace was burnt by a son of one of the Doges. The son got to gambling, lost all the money, and mortgaged the palace yet unfinished. And so the old Doge ordered that all work on the palace should be stopped, and never again started, as an everlasting warning against gambling. And there it stood today, after four hundred years, just as it stood when work was stopped, still giving its warning."

Further along on the left, is the gray stone building used as the Austrian embassy until Italy declared war against Austria. The flagstaff which used to bear the Austrian colors, stretches over the canal, but the palace is deserted. Up a side canal is the former German embassy, also deserted. They were two of the most active centers of entertainment and official exchange during peace times.

Here Dredges Work.
In the former German embassy (Continued on Page Four.)

BRITISH LOSSES IN TURKEY 112,921

(By Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 23.—Great Britain's total losses in officers and men in the Dardanelles to December 11 are placed at 112,921.

This is the grand total of officers and men, including the navy in killed, wounded and missing.

The number of killed was 25,709. In addition to the number of killed, the number admitted to hospitals was 86,923.

BUSINESS GOOD IN NORTH

Mr. J. A. Martin who returned yesterday afternoon from a week's business trip to New York, said today that he never found the outlook so bright. Large business houses, he said, expect a wave of prosperity during 1916 such as has seldom been witnessed in this country.

SWISS PASSPORTS BEING RESTRICTED

(By Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 23.—Special restrictions on the use of Swiss passports are being enforced by all entente countries, owing to the ease with which Swiss citizenship can be obtained in some sections of the little republic. The business of naturalization in Switzerland is in the hands of the municipalities, and although ordinarily two years' residence is required, this may be waived by the local authorities.

According to advices which have reached the British authorities certain small villages near the German frontier have recently been granting naturalization to a considerable number of German citizens, stipulating only that the applicants must pay \$170 in lieu of the customary residence provision.

In view of these recent naturalizations, the British authorities will hereafter require every person traveling with a Swiss passport to present also his naturalization certificate or his birth certificate. Admission will be refused to all persons naturalized since the beginning of the war.

SLIGHTLY BETTER TODAY

The condition of little Helen D'Anna was slightly improved today. Her fever was some lower and the physicians are more hopeful of her recovery.

CARRANZA PUTS ON END IN JUAREZ

(The Associated Press.)
El Paso, Dec. 23.—General Obregon, Carranza commander-in-chief who arrived here last night from Nogales, Sonora, said he would go to Juarez, just across the border, tonight. Juarez passed its first night peacefully under Carranza control and with less disturbance than in years.

Gambling has ceased, and the "wild-west town in Mexico" has been changed over night. Constitutional currency issued to the soldiers now has a commercial value, and is passing in the store. The military line to Piasas Grandes where Rodriguez with 1,200 men was captured, has been repaired, but no operator is there.

General Rodriguez who yesterday brought the remainder of the Chihuahua garrison to Juarez stated today that General Villa has taken his vanguard of 200 men to a ranch two miles east of Shihuahua City. Instead of preceding Villa to the ranch, Rodriguez said he hurried back to the city and had barely time to entrain his men for Juarez before the vanguard of Carranza's men arrived from the south.

SOUTH AMERICA ALSO ASKING FOR SHIPS

(By Associated Press.)
Panama, Dec. 23.—The entire west coast of South America is asking for ships to move the vast amount of freight that is piling up at the various ports awaiting shipment to other countries, according to information in shipping circles here. The closing of the Panama canal, together with new conditions brought about by the European war are the principal causes for the present congestion. All the ships that touch at ports along the South American west coast from Punta Arenas to Panama regularly are getting all the freight they can handle, and so much is being transhipped over the Panama isthmus, across the isthmus that every car the company has is in constant use and there is need for more rolling stock.

The Peruvian ports are said to be stacked mountain high with sacks of sugar while in Ecuador it is reported that there are 750,000 bales of cotton waiting to be moved, and the harvest of cacao is so great that it will have to be destroyed if not handled soon.

SAFE CRACKERS VISIT WAKE COUNTY

(By Associated Press.)
Morrisville, N. C., Dec. 23.—A safe in the store of Frank R. Horn here was blown some time last night and the robbers succeeded in getting away with about \$300 in money and \$800 in vouchers and other valuables, according to the statement of Mr. Horn, who is president of a local knitting mill. A box which contained the valuables was found near the scene. No arrests have been made. Morrisville is a small station in Wake county between Durham and Raleigh.

SMALLPOX DEVELOPS IN A BARBERSHOP

Mr. W. S. Smith, a barber, and George Dula, a shoe shiner, developed genuine cases of smallpox yesterday according to Dr. T. C. Blackburn, city physician and both were removed from a Ninth avenue barber shop to a place of safety. They had broken out with the disease before it was known they had it.

When these cases were reported yesterday afternoon, there was a general rush for physicians and today numbers of people were vaccinated against smallpox. Doctors say that the disease will be prevalent this winter unless the people are vaccinated. The city has made regulations against exposing the public to the disease, but cases develop before the authorities are apprised and nobody is safe unless he has been vaccinated.

It is the simple matter to have the arm scratched, and it is hoped that every person in Hickory and this section will take the necessary precaution.

ATTACK ASHEVILLE WOMEN

Series of Dynamite Outrages Reported to Sheriff.
Asheville, Dec. 23.—One of the most mysterious cases that has been reported to the sheriff's office in many years is engaging the attention of Sheriff Mitchell and his deputies at present. Mrs. O. D. Smith and her daughter, Miss Annie Smith, having reported a series of attacks by unknown parties on their home in West Asheville. The first attack occurred about a week ago when a thump against the front door caused the women to investigate, the investigation revealing a stick of dynamite with percussion cap properly placed which had been hurled against the door. Only the fact that the stick of dynamite had not happened to strike on the cap from destruction.

Following the attack with the dynamite which failed an unknown party appeared before the Smith home at eight or two ago and opened fire with a pistol or pistols, five bullets passing through the door and into the walls beyond, and two lodging in the door casing. The women, thoroughly alarmed by the second attack, requested the sheriff to investigate the matter, and the members of the sheriff's department have been busy on the case ever since.

No clue to the attackers can be located, and officials are at a loss to account for the actions of the mysterious unknowns, as Mrs. Smith and her daughter have no enemies in this part of the country so far as can be learned.

N. Y. GRAND JURY INDICTS TWO PLOTTERS

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 23.—Indictments were returned today charging Paul Koenig, chief detective of the Hamburg-American line, and Richard Leyendecker, an antique dealer, with conspiring to dynamite the Welland canal. Edmond Justice, a Hamburg-American watchman, was also indicted with Koenig on charges of conspiring to secure military information for the German government.

The indictments against Koenig and Leyendecker charge them with trying "to set on foot in the United States a conspiracy to destroy property in the Dominion of Canada."

The indictments charge them with conspiring to destroy the Welland canal from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario.

As a part of the plot to destroy the canal, Koenig and Leyendecker are alleged to have hired agents to seek employment on different sections of the waterway in order to blow it up.

QUIET IN HICKORY

Nothing Doing in Police Circles in This City.
Chief of Police Lentz said today that the Christmas season so far had been unusually quiet and he was hoping that he could say as much a week from now. No unusual amount of drunkenness is reported and the officers are not troubled by law-breakers. The recorder's court has had few cases of importance since the blind tigers were run in a few weeks ago and the store-breakers captured after.

Reports from Newton say the officers report good order there also, and from other sections of the county comes similar good news.

A SEASONABLE WORD

Charity and Children.
We hope the town of Hickory properly appreciates the worth of its sprightly daily, "The Record." We hope also that it will not grow weary in well doing for here lies the rock over which many a fine paper has fallen. Advertisers withdraw their patronage, and subscribers fail to renew. But industry is different. The Record is about the best asset the town has.

MARKETS

NEW YORK STOCKS
(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 23.—Commerce and oils were again the leaders at the outset of today's market. Initial gains of substantial fractions to a full point were recorded by American Smelters, Utah and Tennessee Copper, while Mexican Petroleum added a fraction. Some specialties, as Studebaker and American Car, also were slightly higher.

NEW YORK COTTON
(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 23.—The cotton market showed an easier tone today. After opening fairly steady at a decline of five points, active months went to about eight to nine points under last night's closing.

CHICAGO WHEAT
(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Dec. 23.—Wheat developed fresh strength today, influenced by Liverpool reports of continued European demand. After opening 1/2 off to one cent up, with May at 1.23, the market underwent a moderate sag and then rose all around about yesterday's level.

COTTON FUTURES
New York, Dec. 23.—Cotton futures opened barely steady and closed steady.
Active months Open Close
January 11.88 11.86
March 12.17 12.15
May 12.40 12.40
July 12.50 12.54
October 12.21 12.25

HICKORY MARKETS
Cotton 12c
Wheat \$1.40

THE WEATHER

Forecast for North Carolina: Fair tonight and Friday. Rising temperature, moderate variable winds, mostly southerly.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER
December 22— 1015 1914
Maximum — 45 42
Minimum — 22 28
Mean — 33 1/2 35

WILSON COUNTY FARMER SHOT AND KILLED

(By Associated Press.)
Wilson, Dec. 23.—Fayate Langley, a farmer living five miles from here, was found dead in his barn this morning. Death had been caused by a gunshot wound. Mr. Langley went to his barn at an early hour this morning and members of his family heard a gun shot, but no attention was paid to it.

Later when he did not return an investigation disclosed him lying dead in the stable.

Officers have arrested William Gay and he is in jail charged with the crime. Several weeks ago Gay was said to have been seen at the barn with a gun, but no action was taken at that time.

VACCINATING BROOKFORD

Doctor Chas. L. Hunsucker vaccinated quite a number of persons today at Brookford. He went prepared to scratch 200 arms. Brookford people do not propose to get smallpox when they can prevent it by vaccination.

BREITUNG SAYS HE BOUGHT POTASH

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 23.—Max Breitung, who is under indictment with Robert Fay, Dr. Herbert Kienzie, Walter Scholz, and Paul Dache on charges of conspiring to blow up munition ships, admitted today through his attorney, John B. Stanchfield, that he bought 250 pounds of colate of potash for Fay.

The admission was made when Mr. Stanchfield moved for a separate trial for Breitung. Breitung purchased the potash in certain forms at Fay's request, Mr. Stanchfield said, and in so doing acted in good faith without any intention of destroying plants.

The decision was put over until January 3, when decisions on two other motions will be rendered.

William Culley, whose name was first given as Robert McCauley, and who was taken to police headquarters, was released today after having been questioned by officers regarding the plot to dynamite the Welland canal. Culley admitted knowing Paul Koenig but declared that he had nothing to do with the alleged conspiracy.

GERMANS SAY THEY RETAIN THE SUMMIT

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, Dec. 23.—The war office announced today that the summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf captured earlier in the week by the French, had been regained by the Germans.

Holy Trinity Church Provides Useful Articles.
A Christmas celebration took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Sunday school room of Holy Trinity Lutheran church. Eleven little people were invited. Sweets, fruits, toys, clothes, shoes and many useful things which their parents will appreciate were given to them.

A pretty, decorated tree with candles stood in the center and the gifts were placed around it. After the opening hymn, Mrs. W. E. Murray spoke to the friends for a few minutes, and all joined afterward in the hymn: "Silent Night, Holy Night." The members of the church provided yesterday's festival which will not be forgotten soon by those who were present.

STATESVILLE BEATS TRINITY
Statesville, Dec. 23.—Playing the best game of which they were capable and putting every ounce of strength and energy into the fray Statesville basketball team was able to defeat the Trinity College quint last night by a score of 31 to 29. At the end of the first half the score was 10 to 16 in favor of the visitors and in addition they were going good, all of which looked gloomy to the large crowd present and put determination into the local quint to win the game or burst. At the end of the second half the score was tied 26 to 26. After an additional five minutes to determine the winner and in the play-off the locals scored five points to their opponents' three ending the game.

YASAKA MARU, NEW SHIP, IS VICTIM OF SUBMARINE

German or Austrian Submersible Said to Have Sent Liner to Bottom in Mediterranean—All Passengers Except One Picked Up.

LARGE HOLIDAY TRADE IN HICKORY

Hickory's holiday trade, pronounced by most merchants the best in the history of the city, will be a thing of the past tomorrow night. Practically all the stores will be closed Saturday, not to reopen until Monday morning.

Taking advantage of another pretty day hundreds of people were in the city today from all sections, and Hickory stores were again crowded. Last night also shoppers thronged the stores.

Hickory's up-to-date merchants had provided well for the holiday season, and as a result more goods were sold here than ever before. In some lines the holiday trade was not as large as formerly, but generally speaking, it was all that could be desired. Practically all the business houses have enjoyed splendid trade.

Tomorrow will be the last day for shopping.

WILSON PLAYS GOLF AND CHAT ON LINKS

(By Associated Press.)
Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 23.—The president and Mrs. Wilson made their first appearance on the golf links today. Other players were on the course and with these the president and his wife chatted on their round.

Mrs. Wilson wore a light suit with tan walking shoes and a black toque.

PRESENTS BIBLE AND FLAG
The Hickory Junior Order this afternoon presented a Bible and flag to the Windy City graded school. Mr. C. M. Staley made the presentation address. The exercises began at 2 o'clock.

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Martial Law Eminent in Greece, According to Reports from Athens

(By Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 23.—Proclamation of martial law in Greece is reported unofficially to be eminent. Although there is no confirmation of this there is growing uneasiness at Athens that Bulgarians will attempt to cross the border. The only thing not in substantiation of this is the fact that the Bulgarian officer who clashed with the Greeks at Epirus has been punished and the matter adjusted.

Reappearance of the submarine situation in the far east has been signaled by the sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru in the Mediterranean. Apparently there was no loss of life, but the property loss was the heaviest during the war. The cargo of the liner has not been disclosed.

The mystery of the bombardment of Varna, which at first was depicted as a formidable Russian attack on the deep sea port of the Bulgarian coast, has stirred London, but according to later information it was no more than a minor naval engagement in which monitors and shore batteries took part.

However, a large Russian fleet is said to be in the vicinity ready to land troops.

Earlier Developments.
The English public takes much pride in the manner in which Australia has taken the withdrawal from Gallipoli. This attitude is summed up by an Australian newspaper in the words of Lincoln's Gettysburg speech:

(By Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 23.—The new Japanese liner Yasaka Maru, which was sunk in the eastern Mediterranean Tuesday by a submarine while the steamer was on her way to London with 120 passengers and a crew of 160 aboard, was sent to the bottom without warning, according to a report received from Port Said by an agent to the owners.

All aboard except one of the passengers, W. J. Leigh, were saved. The nationality of the submarine was not learned, but it is said that it was an Austrian or German submersible.

The Yasaka Maru was sunk Tuesday afternoon. A French gunboat picked up the passengers and crew at midnight and landed them at Port Said Wednesday morning. The company provided hotel accommodations for them and is arranging to send them to their destinations.

On the passenger list were 54 men, 51 women and 15 children, most of whom were British subjects.

VIENNA PLEASSED WITH ANCONA ANSWER

(By Associated Press.)
Vienna, via London, Dec. 23.—The new American note regarding the Ancona has made a good impression here. An early answer may be expected. Work on it has already begun.

REV. B. A. YORK POUNDED BY PHILATHEA CLASS
Rev. B. A. York, formerly in charge of the Hickory circuit, was not forgotten by the young ladies of the Philathea class of the Methodist Sunday school, and as a result his household is well supplied today with supplies of value. The young ladies took the initiative in this good work, and the "pounding" was quietly and effectively accomplished during the morning. Mr. York has given a long life to useful service, and he was made to feel unusually good today.

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